



Milwaukee County

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VETO OF SOUTH SHORE BEACH STUDY IS SLAP IN THE FACE TO BAY VIEW

Amendment would seek 50/50 matching funds from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Milwaukee, WI – County Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, who represents parts of Milwaukee's Bay View and near south side neighborhoods, is responding to County Executive Scott Walker's veto of funding in the 2011 County Budget to study the relocation of South Shore Beach:

"I am extremely disappointed that the County Executive vetoed funding for the South Shore Beach study. This is one of Milwaukee County's most popular beaches, and we need to study alternatives to relocate and improve this asset," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "Even without vetoing this, the County Executive would have still reached his publicly stated tax levy goal. This veto is a slap in the face to the residents who live in Bay View and to other residents who enjoy this beach."

South Shore Beach experiences high levels of bacteria in its current location, which often requires the beach to be closed. The study would have looked at ways to maintain a stable beach environment while allowing for sufficient water circulation and acceptable water quality. In addition, this project included applying for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' local aids, which would have provided 50/50 matching funds for this type of project. The design and construction would have occurred in future phases.

The County Board will consider overriding the County Executive's 2011 Budget vetoes Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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